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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL CRISIS IN NAPLES CITY GOVERNMENT

1. YESTERDAY'S DECISION BY LOCAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DIRECTORATE TO WITHDRAW ITS PARTY'S SUPPORT FROM THE CENTER-LEFT COALITION ON THE NAPLES CITY GIUNTA OPENS A POTENTIAL CRISIS FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CRISIS CAN BE AVERTED THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF THE PSDI'S CENTER-LEFT PARTNERS. THE NATIONAL CENTER-LEFT INTER-PARTY MEETING IN ROME, NOW POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 28, WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION THIS ISSUE.

2. THE CAUSE OF THIS IMPENDING CRISIS LIES IN THE INTERNAL DIVISIONS OF THE PSDI ITSELF. UNABLE TO RESOLVE THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE SARAGATTIANI AND TANASSI-ORLANDI FACTION, REINFORCED BY THE LAST NATIONAL CONGRESS AT GENOA, THE LOCAL PARTY HAS UNLOADED ITS FACT-IONAL DISPUTE ON THE CITY GIUNTA.

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3. BOTH THE PSI AND THE DC ARE OPPOSED TO A CRISIS AT THIS MOMENT SINCE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE DC, A CRISIS IS MORE THAN LIKELY TO AGGRAVATE THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND UNBALANCE THE CURRENT DELICATE WEB OF ALLIANCES AMONG FACTION. FURTHER, ON THE NEA-UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITAN POLITICAL SCENE, A CRISIS SO CLOSE TO THE SUMMER VACATION

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